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CLAIMS

I claim:

5 1. A communication system allowing a portable unit to communication with a device in a host through a wide-area network comprising:

an apparatus located in one of said host and said portable unit comprising:

- a random number generator;
- a timing device; and

a data generator responsive to said random number generator and said timing device to generate non-deterministic digital content;

a section in said portable unit comprising:

- a local interface communicative with said host;
- a memory for storing said non-deterministic digital content; and
- a wide-area interface for sending said non-deterministic digital content to said host through said wide-area network; and

a section in said host comprising:

- a local interface communicative with said portable unit;
- a memory for storing said non-deterministic digital content;
- a wide-area interface for receiving digital content through said wide-area network;

a comparator for comparing said digital content with said non-deterministic digital content stored in said memory of said host; and

said section in said host allowing access when said received digital content matches said stored non-deterministic digital content;

wherein said local interface of said host and said local interface of said portable unit transferring said non-deterministic digital content generated by said apparatus between said host and said portable unit.